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ARE FIGHTING SHY ABOUT INVESTIGATIONS

G. O. P. Statesmen Are Afraid to Take Up the Probe Into War Expenditures

For They Know That They Will Burn Their Fingers and Scorch Their Feathers

WASHINGTON, June 19.—As has been stated in the Republican press from time to time, Republican leaders doubt the wisdom of undertaking investigations into the conduct of the war, because they realize such inquiries will gain them nothing to be used in coming contests with the Democrats. Some editors who support the Republicans in other respects have warned that the people are eagerly looking for legislation of a constructive nature rather than investigations that may turn out the wrong sort of evidence. "Post mortem" inquiries into a successful war are dangerous for the minority party, these editors suggest.

The Republicans of the House have threatened "exposures," but the Democrats have invited them to look into the conduct of the war to their hearts' content. A "smelling" committee has been named and will go over the expenditures of the War Department. The Democratic members of the House Rules Committee made possible the reporting of the resolution to investigate. The Republicans were so indifferent that half of them remained away from the committee sessions.

The Senate is too busy at other work, the Republican leaders say, to consider investigations. Senators Lodge and Wadsworth announced at a meeting of the Republican steering committee that they were opposed to "an orgy of investigations." They insisted that the work of the Republican party should be "constructive" and not destructive. The Senate has decided to follow their advice.

Asked by Democrats
The "treaty leak" inquiry ordered by the Senate was requested by the Democrats. Senator Hitchcock demanded that charges to the effect that copies of the treaty had been put in the hands of certain New York business men to be probed. Democrats will force the fighting if investigations are to be made. They are not afraid of any facts the Republicans may uncover. This has been made clear in Congress by Democratic leaders.

The Republican leaders got "cold feet" on their plans for a wholesale inquiry into the conduct of the war. For months Republicans insinuated that they would get some of their campaign thunder for 1920 out of "war scandals." It soon became evident that the people of the country were not in sympathy with them, and that their constituents did not believe those who conducted the war were guilty of any crime. Everybody knew that there had been mistakes, and some waste, but these were expected.

The one big fact that the war was a success from the American standpoint, and the brilliant showing made by the United States brought the conflict to an early conclusion. The masses in America understand these striking facts. They have never worried about the trifling errors and the incidental waste of a gigantic campaign that was crowned with victory. By unanimous vote the resolution creating a committee to investigate the expenditures in the War Department was adopted. Democratic members declared they were eager to have the Republicans ascertain the facts about the prosecution of the victorious war. They asked for six members of the committee, but were given five. Representative Campbell of Kansas, a member of the Cannon Old Guard of former Congresses, admitted that the purpose of the Republicans was political.

What Cantrill Said
Speaking for the Democrats of the Rules Committee of the House, which reported the resolution for an inquiry, Representative Cantrill of Kentucky said:

"The country is to be congratulated that upon this proposition there is absolutely no division of sentiment in the Rules Committee or upon the floor of the House. Our Republican friends will not publicly make the admission that they are going into this investigation for the purpose of digging up campaign material for the

presidential election next year. Of course, confidentially, we here all know that that is their purpose.

"Now, so far as the Democratic members of the Rules Committee are concerned, so far as the Democratic side of the House is concerned, so far as the War Department is concerned, we welcome this investigation."

Mr. Cantrill reminded Mr. Campbell that had it not been for the Democratic members of the Rules Committee he would not have had a quorum to bring out the resolution.

"You are able to bring this resolution in here only because three out of four Democratic members of the Rules Committee were present to make a quorum and vote for this report, and to offer it to the House, when but four of the eight Republicans on the committee appeared," said he. "You would not be here with the resolution were it not for Democratic help."

FARMERS WILL WIN

And the Repeal of the Daylight Saving Law Will Soon Be Accomplished.

The people of St. Joseph who for nearly two years have enjoyed the delights of the Daylight Saving law which gave them many hours of daylight for enjoyment, may as well prepare for the worst and get ready to go back to the old plan—for they will lose as soon as the repeal measure now tacked as a rider on to the money bill comes up for a vote—which will be real soon.

And here is the reason why they will lose—for the farmer is hurt by the bill—and Congress knows it. The majority report of the committee to which the bill was referred was signed by the big end of the committee and here is what they said:

"The most numerous class opposing the present law are the farmers. Their objections are well founded. As they must maintain their relationship to the public school, the church, the store and the bank, they feel compelled to observe the law, notwithstanding that the law is not mandatory.

"A most frequent cause of complaint arises from the inability of farmers and their hired help starting early in the morning because of the law. From one to two hours are lost waiting for the sun to dry the fields. Under sun time at least one hour would be saved and could be added to the latter part of the afternoon. This hour, as every farmer knows, is the best for harvest work of the twenty-four."

You can't beat that report—and you need not try.

On Thursday the farmers won out decisively when both the Senate and the House voted overwhelmingly to repeal the act, the date for going into effect being Oct. 26.

JEFFERSON GETS 5 YEARS

He Found Out That It Did Not Pay to Shoot Police Officers for Sport.

Because his predilection was the shooting of police officers for the sport there was in it, cost Louis Jefferson, a big negro, five years in this pen, that being the punishment assessed against him by Judge Uta Tuesday, for Jefferson last shots at Police Officer Borkowski.

Mike Kahora also found it did not pay to steal from the American Railway Express Co., and went up for two years for taking a box of silverware from one of the company's delivery wagons.

Fred Merkel, who is old enough to know better, paid \$50 for selling liquor to a minor. Merkel has faced courts and juries for the past twenty years.

WAGENSVELT WON AND YET LOST

Over a year in the front of the battle line in France did no harm to Cornelius Wagenvelt, a soldier who on his return was employed by L. O. Isaacson on his farm near Fawcett. A few moments in a St. Joseph hospital Monday terminated his career when he went under in an operation for appendicitis. The soldier's people live in Holland. The remains were buried at Fawcett Wednesday.

REPORT THAT GERMANY ACCEPTS

The following dispatch received yesterday afternoon can be accepted or rejected by the reader as he or she sees fit. This is a day of much misrepresentation and idle rumor. The dispatch says:

LONDON, June 20.—The German national assembly at Weimar has accepted the peace treaty, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Paris.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN

When the Future St. Joseph Housewife Does Her Shopping Under New Conditions.

"The time is coming—and coming fast—when the St. Joseph housewife will do her shopping and marketing by airplane and by the new metric system the latter which is now being so strongly urged upon Congress," said George Dunn of Marshall & Dunn Tuesday while he rested a moment. "And when she makes her purchases and does her shopping under the metric system," he continued, "we may expect to read in your paper that Citizeness No. 1528734 was the complainant in Branch Court No. 2863 of Zone No. 999 of the League of Nations yesterday, against Food Licensee No. 15672. She declared that she flew to the defendant's store on the 44th floor of Public Supplies Building No. 6842 to buy nine meters of spaghetti, a centimeter of pepper, seven hectograms of eggs, a dekaliter of spinach, a dekaliter of garlic (this last by Special Neighborhood Consent No. 543) and a deciliter of yeast. The licensee tried to insist upon her buying a centare of flapjacks not prepared according to the receipt which was adopted by the League's Committee on International Digestion. They were really of the kind, he explained, mother used to make."

"Constable 19864 said that when he arrived upon the scene, summoned by the citizeness's bonnet wireless, the guilty grocer, who has been taking a correspondence course in levitation, stepped out of the window, but the constable, who was in flying uniform, caught him at the eighteenth floor. The prisoner was sentenced to read a five kilogram volume of the speeches of William Jennings Bryan, which are still preserved for punitive purposes in extreme cases."

WIDEN FREDERICK BLVD.

The Citizens Living Along Its Borders Will Donate the Land for That Purpose.

The property owners headed by Judge T. B. Allen, who live along Frederick Boulevard, appeared before the county court Monday and agreed to donate a strip of their property along the boulevard sufficient to make that thoroughfare eighty feet wide, in consideration of the fact that the court grade the land to be donated. The citizens also agreed to plant shade trees along the boulevard. On the part of the court Presiding Judge McClannahan announced that the donation would be accepted, and the work done, but that it could not be done until the federal and state authorities were through with their survey. This will delay the work some, but when it is done that boulevard will be one of the show places.

McDANIEL WAS NOT PRESENT

When the case of Minnie Tiedt Twidwell of Marysville, Kansas, against Oscar D. McDaniel was called in Judge Vories' court Wednesday the latter was not on hand, and no one appeared for him. Sherman & Otis, to whom he turned his business over when he left here, stated they did not know of his whereabouts, neither do relatives who were questioned. The action against him was to recover on a certificate of deposit on a Marysville bank, turned over to McDaniel as security to protect him from loss as a bondsman for Charles Tiedt, a nephew of the prosecuting witness, who had employed McDaniel to defend him in a criminal proceeding.

SIXTH STREET IS "OFF" AGAIN

Property owners on South Sixth street appeared in such great numbers and armed with such strong arguments that the common council on Tuesday night saw fit to recede for two weeks on the position that body had previously taken forcing the paying of that thoroughfare. Attorney L. J. Eastin as spokesman told the council that it was possible that the county court might recede from its position refusing to help to pave the street with county funds, and on this statement the council decided to defer operations for the next two weeks.

WHEN THE UNKNOWN EYE IS ON THEM

Then the Wild and Reckless Drivers Will Be More Prudent

AND NOT CUT YOU DOWN SO JOYOUSLY

A Safety Traffic League Organized Here Will Do the Work as It Is Being Done in Other Large Cities of the Land Where Careless and Care-Free Motorists Bruise, Maim and Slay No More for the League Has These Violators Safely in Pickle.

Wild and reckless law and regulation defying automobile drivers, and irresponsible and speed crazed chauffeurs may be brought into control and the lives of pedestrians and careful motorists saved by a simple expedient which is proving a success in some of the other large cities where it has, or is now, being tried out—and it sure is a dumper to the auto-crazed maniac.

Nothing will make a person more uneasy and uncomfortable than to know that he or she is being watched or observed, but by whom or from what angle it is impossible for the person watched to know. This is all that there is to the method that will make the speed-crazed drivers or the wilful violator of traffic requirements squirm and shudder—and then be good.

When these careless motorists who cut corners, drive past street cars that are standing, or by their negligent driving imperil the lives of little children, realize that at any and all times

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ASK THE PRESIDENT

To Stop and Visit St. Joseph on His Tour of the Country.

If President Wilson does not include St. Joseph in his itinerary when he makes his speaking tour of the country in his campaign for the ratification of his policy relative to the League of Nations, it will not be because he has not been properly invited. On Wednesday a message was sent him in care of Secretary Tamm asking that he visit St. Joseph and address the people here. It is believed that the schedule can be so arranged that his visit may be made. The telegram sent to Washington was as follows:

"St. Joseph extends a most hearty and urgent invitation to the president to include this city in his itinerary of the proposed tour upon his return from overseas. Best possible opportunity afforded for meeting a large number of people in this locality in our modern, fireproof Auditorium, with seating capacity of 4,000.

(Signed) "J. C. WHITSELL, Mayor."

"FRANK A. MOORE, President Commerce Club."

NEW FIRMS COMING

And Old Ones Are Going From the St. Joseph Retail District.

It was with considerable surprise that the public learned on Thursday that the Louis Hax Furrier Co., one of the oldest establishments of the kind in the West, would retire from business, and had leased their place of business to W. T. Grant & Co. of New York, who will establish a 25 cent store in the place.

An Eastern firm has leased the Nixon Stone store at Sixth and Felix now occupied by the Olney Music Co. and will establish an "individual shop."

Mrs. Louise Wachter will remove her establishment to 112 South Seventh and the Spaulding Waist Co. of Chicago will occupy her present location.

The former Tamm & Ueberlein Clothing Co. stand will shortly be occupied by a ten cent store.

DE LAMATER AFTER WEED PATCH OWNERS

Dr. De Lamater, city health officer, is after the property owners who own weed patches or have them adjacent to their premises. He has ordered the street cleaning department to cut the weeds on vacant lots, and ordered all property owners to do likewise or look for arrest.

THE FARM ADVISOR'S GREAT OPPORTUNITY

For years the farmers of this section and all over the state have been bombarded, begged, cajoled and hounded by the state agricultural college to give "farm advisors" turned out from these state supported institutions jobs at high salaries, to tell the farmers "how to farm right" and promising to remedy any condition that might arise and confront him.

Now is the time—the golden opportunity—the place—and all that appertains thereto for these "farm advisors"—these graduates who "know more than our practical farmers."

The army worm and his helpers the cut worm, is here—and destroying the best farming country in the world. Now let these "farm advisors" do their duty—and show how—and control—these pests.

COWGILL NOT TO RUN

Said That He Told a Kansas City Newspaper Man He Would Not Enter.

Considerable speculation has been going on here this week among the Democrats of the city over a report from Kansas City that Mayor Cowgill of Kansas City would not make the race for the nomination for governor, for which position he has long been regarded here as an aspirant. The fact that his son-in-law, W. E. Spratt, of this city is an avowed candidate for the Democratic nomination for Congress may have had some effect on his candidacy, as both could not make much headway for such important offices. A dispatch sent out from Kansas City carries this information:

"Mayor James Cowgill, former state treasurer and chairman of the Democratic State Committee, has announced that he will not be a candidate for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination as has been said by some for the past several weeks.

"I see no special reason why I should enter the race," said Mayor Cowgill to a newspaper reporter when speaking about the matter Monday.

"Mayor Cowgill is quite well known in state politics and has been quite active in Democratic circles for the past thirty years. Before filling the office of state treasurer he was a member of the old railroad and warehouse commission. He also served Kansas City as city treasurer some years ago."

OVER 11,000 CASUALTIES

That Is the Number of Brave Missouri Boys Who Suffered From the War.

Missouri's war casualties to June 1 total 11,005, according to the official report of Floyd C. Shoemaker, secretary of the State Historical Society of Missouri, completed up to June 15. Of these, 10,569 were from the army, 364 from the marine corps and eighty-three from the navy.

There were 1,270 Missouri boys in the army and marine corps who lost their lives in action. Besides this number 1,512 died of wounds, disease and accidents. Two hundred and fifty men still are reported missing in action, and the navy lists seventeen missing at sea.

G. M. HOHL CELEBRATES HIS BIRTHDAY

Mr. G. M. ("Mike") Hohl of the Burlington spent two enjoyable days in Lincoln, Neb., last week, when he attended a reunion of his brothers held at the home of one of them, Leonard Hohl, at the latter named place. The occasion was the celebration of the seventieth anniversary of the birth of Mr. G. M. Hohl. All of his brothers now living were present, they being Justus, Leonard and August, all of whom are enjoying good health. Mr. G. M. Hohl has grown gray in the service of the Burlington, having first seen service for the road at Paymra Junction during the civil war period. He is one of the best known and most respected railroad men of the West.

WILL LOOK OVER FIRE FIGHTING STUFF

Chief Kane of the fire department when he goes to the national convention of fire chiefs at Kansas City June 23-27, will have plenty of company, for the mayor, the members of the common council, the board of public works will attend with him and look over the display of fire fighting apparatus which will be a side show to the convention. They will look for apparatus to absorb the bond issue money.

IF IT IS BUT A TWO-DAY SESSION

The Cost to the Taxpayers Will Be Ten Thousand Dollars

FOR A SPECIAL SESSION FOR SUFFRAGE VOTE

And Should It Last Over Two Days

There Will Be An Added Cost of Eleven Hundred Dollars Per Day Beside the "Incidentals." All of Which Could Be Saved to the Taxpayers If Business Instead of Sentimental Interest Should Govern in the Conduct of Such State Affairs.

JEFFERSON CITY, June 20.—

(Correspondence.)—Gov. Gardner in calling a special session of the legislature to meet July 2 to act on the equal suffrage amendment for women, expresses the hope that final action may be taken by July 4. The preliminary expense of the session, if it should last but the two days—which is decidedly problematic—will be \$9,471 which comes from the following source: Mileage for members of the Senate, \$1,286, per diem for Senate members, \$635; mileage for House, \$5,523, per diem for House, \$2,355. Each additional day will cost \$1,100 and results from \$880, per diem of House and Senate members and \$220 as salary for officers and clerks. The printing expense which will be added to this is a small item.

To Make Up Liquor Loss

Reports are in circulation that an increase in the assessed valuation of the state's property for taxation purposes will soon be made at a meeting of the State Board of Equalization. The loss of revenue from liquor traffic has necessitated an increase in the state's revenue as a result of direct taxes. A portion of the loss was made up by the income, inheritance and corporation franchise tax laws but the real and personal property will be forced to bear a portion of the burden. It is believed that the valuation of property will be increased about 25 per cent over that of last year.

In addition to vetoing items in the appropriation bills amounting to \$1,208,423.87 Governor Gardner has announced that he has "held up" the expenditure of \$1,297,256. This amount is taken from the appropriations of every department and institution of the state's business. The governor is determined to keep the affairs of the state on a sound financial basis and unless the finances are in such a shape as to warrant, none of the amount named will be released to be expended. Every indication points to a successful administration of the state's affairs by Governor Gardner who has been vitally interested in placing the state on a cash basis.

Saved Nearly Two Million

Fire insurance buyers of the state have been saved \$1,900,000 by the action of Insurance Superintendent A. L. Harty and Attorney General McAllister taking the rate case to the supreme court. Insurance companies desired an increase of ten per cent in rates. Harty refused this and suit was begun against him. The matter was turned over to General McAllister with the result as above stated. In rendering the decision the supreme court held that all fire insurance rates are to be approved by the Superintendent of Insurance.

The many friends of J. Kelly Pool will be glad to know that he has been re-appointed as a member of the State Prison Board for a term of six years. The past two years have been about the first in the history of the prison in which there has been no charge of scandal connected with it.

OWEN AND ALLEE WAR ON SPEEDERS

Prosecuting Attorney Owen and Police Judge Allee have joined in a war on the speed maniacs and it is going to cost money or personal liberty to those who infract the speed laws from this time on. Sunday was a fruitful day for the officers and over a dozen arrests were made, almost all of them on Frederick or Noyes boulevards. Among those arrested Sunday were W. E. Hodson, Harry Rogers, David Symon, Harry Schwartz, Walter E. Sroufe, F. E. Kirk and several others. In addition J. J. Davis and Joseph Arnold were arrested for failure to take out their motor licenses.

Mrs. Sarah Segall, seventy-five years of age, died Tuesday.

WILL "ROLL" COLE

He Is Stated For Removal as State GOP Chairman When July Rolls Around.

The two wings of the grand old party of standpatism and rahfawn in St. Joseph are just now in a decided state of subdued excitement over what promises to develop—or not to develop—when the reorganization of the GOP party committee takes place, for it means much to the fixers here who are now in control—and here is what is causing that uneasy excitement.

W. L. Cole is now the chairman of the GOP state committee, and he will be ousted from that much desired place and former Congressman Fred Essen, Republican "boss" of St. Louis county, elected in his place, at a reorganization meeting of the state committee, which probably will be called in July. Cole recently resigned as private secretary to United States Senator Spencer after Spencer failed to obtain for him the position of sergeant-at-arms of the United States Senate.

Essen served three months last year of the unexpired term of the late Congressman Meeker of the Tenth (St. Louis) district.

It also is planned to depose W. S. Dickey of Kansas City as treasurer in favor of a St. Louis man, thus giving control of the state Republican organization to St. Louis, which is regarded as the mainstay of Republican chances in the election next year.

Republican leaders are said to believe that Dickey is planning to enter the Republican primaries next year as a candidate for the United States senate against Spencer. Some of Dickey's friends have made that announcement.

The plan to make Essen chairman, and in political parlance, "roll" Cole, is said to be due to the fact that Cole has not worked in harmony with the St. Louis Republican machine, and has refused to take orders.

AT EIGHTY-NINE YEARS

Egbert W. Railey, the Dean of the Banking Fraternity, Celebrates His Birthday.

Egbert W. Railey, who founded the Railey Bros. bank at Weston, is a remarkable man. He is a pioneer of the banking business in this part of Missouri and has passed through all transitions of financial life. Mr. Railey is almost as well known in St. Joseph as at home, as until a few years ago his visits to St. Joseph were of often more than weekly occurrence and covered more than the average life time. Of this grand old pioneer the Chronicle of that place says in its last issue:

"Egbert W. Railey was eighty-nine years of age Friday. He was at the bank all afternoon where he was made happy by the visits of many friends and well wishers. He was the recipient of many telegrams of congratulation, and of many beautiful old flowers. He was the guest of honor at a six o'clock dining at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Hardesty on Summer street. Besides his wife, the other guests present were his son, D. M. Railey and wife of Kansas City, his daughter, Mrs. D. R. Maye, his sister, Miss Emma Railey, and his great-grandson, Frank Railey Hardesty. It was also the birthday anniversary of the latter, he being twelve that day. Mr. Railey is a wonderful man. Never very strong or robust, yet he has lived a long life of faithful earnest effort and for those years of usefulness this town and community are greatly indebted to him."

NAMED IT MALCOLM MACDONALD

After Dr. S. D. Reynolds, who had been selected as a committee to secure a name for the new American Legion post recently organized here, had stated at the meeting held Monday night that in his opinion no greater honor could be bestowed upon one more worthy than to name the local organization Malcolm Macdonald Post, after the brave Lieutenant Macdonald who fell at Vanoque Hill, the members present unanimously voted that it should be the name of the new post, which starts out with a membership of over two hundred, and which number is being added to each meeting.

BUCHANAN COUNTY GIVEN A RAISE

The state board of equalization has at last reported, and given the ratings, all of which are raises. Buchanan county valuations were raised from \$24,221,817 to \$29,559,037, or an increase of \$5,337,220, which raise will make the taxpayers realize that they are up against something.